

1-1 By: Huffines S.B. No. 259  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 29, 2016; January 30, 2017,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 22, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 22, 2017,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

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| 1-7  | COMMITTEE VOTE |     |     |        |     |
| 1-8  |                | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
| 1-9  | Huffman        | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | Hughes         | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | Birdwell       | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | Creighton      | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 | Estes          | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 | Lucio          | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-15 | Nelson         | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-16 | Schwertner     | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-17 | Zaffirini      | X   |     |        |     |

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 259 By: Zaffirini

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to jury summons questionnaires.  
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 62.0132(b) and (d), Government Code,  
1-24 are amended to read as follows:

1-25 (b) A written jury summons must include:  
1-26 (1) a copy of the questionnaire developed under this  
1-27 section; or  
1-28 (2) the electronic address of the court's Internet  
1-29 website from which the questionnaire developed under this section  
1-30 may be easily printed.

1-31 (d) Except as provided by this subsection, a [A] person who  
1-32 has received a written jury summons [~~and a written jury summons~~  
1-33 ~~questionnaire~~] shall complete and submit a jury summons [~~the~~  
1-34 questionnaire when the person reports for jury duty. If the  
1-35 district and criminal district judges of a county adopt a plan for  
1-36 an electronic jury selection method under Section 62.011, the  
1-37 county may allow a person to complete and submit a jury summons  
1-38 questionnaire on the court's Internet website as authorized under  
1-39 Section 62.0111(b)(5).

1-40 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
1-41 62.0132, Government Code, applies only to a written jury summons  
1-42 sent on or after the effective date of this Act. A written jury  
1-43 summons sent before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
1-44 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,  
1-45 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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